EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO JAPAN/Passage

SUBJECT: Expressing Condolences to Japan over the earthquake that struck it on January 17, 1995 . . . S. Res. 72. Passage.

ACTION: RESOLUTION AGREED TO, 98-0

SYNOPSIS: As introduced and passed, S. Res. 72, a resolution to express Senate condolences to Japan over the earthquake that struck it on January 17, 1995, would express the Senate's deepest sympathies for the Nation of Japan and the citizens of Kobe and Osaka for the tragic losses suffered from that earthquake, and would pledge the Senate's support in efforts to recover from it.

Those favoring passage contended:

By now all Senators are aware of the frightening devastation that was caused by the earthquake that struck Kobe and Osaka in the early morning of January 17, 1995. We have seen the news footage showing the terrible destruction of homes and businesses, we have listened as the toll of dead and injured has mounted, and we have heard the remarkable stories of courage and hope that have sprung daily from the rubble and ruins of Kobe and Osaka. Our memories of the earthquake that struck California almost a year ago to the day of the Kobe and Osaka earthquake have not diminished. We remember all too well the feelings of disbelief and loss as we learned of the destruction that the California earthquake visited on our own citizens. As it was a year ago, so it has been throughout the past week as we have watched the events unfold in Japan. A disaster is not needed to remind us of the United States' friendship with Japan; however, during this time of tragedy, we believe that it is appropriate for the Senate to reaffirm that friendship, to let the people of Japan know that America does care. Therefore, we hope that our colleagues will join us today in giving unanimous support to S. Res. 72.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the resolution.

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